

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
 QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION) CASE NO. QCC-T-04-1
 FOR AN AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE OF)
 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO.)
 402 TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE) ORDER NO. 29514
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.)

On September 3, 2002, the Commission issued Certificate No. 402 to Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) granting it authority to provide basic local telecommunications exchange services within Verizon Northwest Inc.'s service area. On April 12, 2004, QCC filed an Application for an amendment to its CPCN to enable it to provide local services throughout the State of Idaho, including within the service area of Qwest Corporation (QC), QCC's parent corporation. The Commission on May 12, 2004, issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure to process QCC's Application.

Staff reviewed the Application and filed written comments. Staff stated its concern that customers could be confused with two different companies named Qwest offering basic local exchange service in the same marketplace. Staff requested clarification from QCC regarding its intentions to provide services. QC's director of regulatory affairs clarified that QCC did not intend to actively seek residential and small business customers. Instead, according to the information provided to Staff, QCC desires the authority to provide related services to customers in large business markets where it intends to actively market its services on a regional or national basis. QCC may have an opportunity to provide service to large customers with remote offices that would qualify as small businesses, and the Company stated it needed flexibility to provide basic local exchange service to those customers under a single corporate entity. Staff recommended the Commission approve the amendment to QCC's Certificate, and that the Commission be prepared to respond if marketing efforts by QCC and QC result in customer confusion.

Written comments were also filed by the Idaho Telephone Association. As it has in other cases where CLECs are requesting authority to provide services throughout the state, ITA recommended the Order approving the Certificate to QCC recognize the exemption of rural

telephone carriers from the obligations of incumbent local exchange carriers under Section 251(c) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.


The Commission finds that Qwest Communications Corporation has satisfied all the requirements of the applicable statutes and the Commission's Rules for an amendment to its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The Commission therefore approves the Application of Qwest Communications Corporation. If the Company makes a bona fide request for interconnection with a rural telephone company, Section 251(f)(1)(B) of the Telecommunications Act requires that notice of its request be submitted to the Commission.

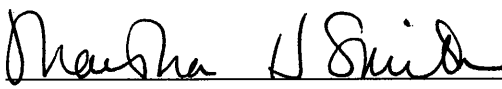
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application for amendment to Qwest Communications Corporation's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to enable the Company to provide basic local exchange services within the State of Idaho. Furthermore, this grant of the amendment to QCC's Certificate is subject to the exemption of rural telephone carriers, if applicable, from the obligations of incumbent local exchange carriers as set forth in Section 251(c) of the 1996 Act, until such time as the requirements for lifting the exemption have been met.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. QCC-T-04-1 may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. QCC-T-04-1. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

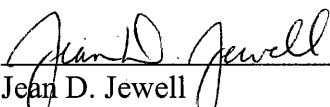
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 7th
day of June 2004.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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